# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET Dalsy Road Bridges over Cattall Creek Project

Property Name: Daisy United Methodist Church Survey No.: HO-275

Property Address 2685 Daisy Road, Daisy vicinity, Howard County	
Owner Name/Address Trustees of Daisy Methodist Church, 2685 Daisy Road, Woodbine MD 21797	
Year Built 1906	_

Significance: (continued)

Church in Elkridge and Asbury Methodist Church were established this way (Cornelison 1986, 39-44). African-American church buildings were constructed according to the prevailing architectural style of the time. Religious architecture frequently blended vernacular residential building types with religious architectural elements such as bell towers and front-gable orientation. The level of architectural ornamentation on a church depended on the size, wealth and denomination of the congregation. The design of churches was both functional and symbolic. Churches almost invariably featured front-gables, a feature that originated with the lengthened naves of medieval Roman Catholic churches. A bell tower not only called parishioners to worship, but also provided a symbol of the building's spiritual, rather than secular, function. Fenestration also frequently symbolized the building's function; rounded and pointed arches helped distinguish the church from its secular neighbors.

#### National Register Evaluation:

Constructed in 1906, the Daisy United Methodist Church was previously surveyed by the Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning. The property is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The period of significance for the property is 1876 to 1948. Daisy United Methodist Church meets Criterion Consideration A as a religious property which derives its primary significance from its African-American history. The property is eligible under Criterion A for its association with the African-American community. The Daisy United Methodist Church served as a religious, educational, social and political gathering place and therefore exemplifies the function of church buildings in African-American communities, particularly prior to the Civil Rights movement. The property retains sufficient integrity to convey its function and significance as a religious and educational building. The church property retains its integrity of location, setting, design, feeling and association. The property is not eligible under Criterion B, as historic research indicates no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history. The property is not eligible under Criterion C because it is not an outstanding example of a vernacular church building. The building has the simple form and ornamentation that are characteristic of vernacular churches, however minor alterations have compromised the integrity needed for eligibility under Criterion C. These alterations include the addition on the south side, the enclosure of the belfry and the replacement of original siding. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore is not eligible under Criterion D.

#### Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:

The National Register boundaries of the Daisy United Methodist Church follow the current property lines of Howard County Tax Map 13, Parcel 16. The 0.91 hectare (2.25 acre) parcel is bounded on the northwest by Daisy Road and on the northeast and south by adjacent tax parcels. The boundary includes the church building, two sheds and original cemetery, and corresponds to the original 0.91 hectares (2.25 acres) purchased by the church trustees in 1876. All resources within the boundary are contributing. The boundary does not include the additional acre of cemetery space donated to the church in 1995.

MHT CONCURRENCE:  Eligibility recommended not recommended  Criteria A B C D Considerations  Comments:	_ABCDE	_FGNone
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#### **Description:**

The Daisy United Methodist Church, constructed in 1906, was previously surveyed by the Howard County Office of Planning and Zoning. No determination of eligibility was made by the Maryland Historical Trust at the time of the survey. Since the time of the previous survey, the asbestos shingles on the exterior of the church have been replaced with vinyl siding. The belfry has also been enclosed in vinyl siding. The previous survey did not discuss the two outbuildings and cemetery located on the property. A shed is located east of the church building. The shed is covered in wood weatherboard and has a corrugated-metal shed roof. The shed is currently used for storage. An outhouse is located southeast of the shed. The outhouse contains two stalls and is constructed of concrete block. It also has a corrugated-metal shed roof. A small cemetery is located on the hill south of the church. The cemetery contains stones dating from 1900 to the present. Many of the stones are handcarved, marked only with initials, or unmarked. The oldest stones are located at the southern end of the cemetery at the edge of the woods. The Daisy United Methodist Church is located on a hill on the east side of Daisy Road in a rural area. The property is surrounded by agricultural lands and woodlands.

#### Significance:

The history of the Daisy United Methodist Church began in 1876 when the trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church acquired 0.91 hectares (2.25 acres) of land for \$29.81 from Dennis P. and Leama Gaither. The trustees of the church included Samuel Harriday, John Prettyman, Hanson Dorsey, Franklin Tyler and James Parker. The deed stated that the land was conveyed "for the purpose of erecting thereon a Public School house to be used as a school house for colored children and also a house of public worship for the use of the colored members of the M.E. church of the neighborhood . . . . " By 1890, a log building had been erected on the site. A school operated in the building, and prayer services were led by a Reverend Hawkins. The current building was constructed in 1906 to house a congregation that had grown to 125 members. The new building had a school room on the lower level and a sanctuary on the upper level. The school, known as "Daisy School Number Five," was supported in part by public funds and was dissolved during school consolidations of the 1940s and 1950s. The congregation continues to meet in the church. In 1995, the Warfield family donated an additional 0.37 hectares (0.92 acres) of cemetery space to the church (Howard County Historical Society (HCHS) Vertical Files).

The Daisy United Methodist Church is located in the Daisy community. Daisy, located at the crossroads of Daisy Road and Union Chapel Road, was founded in 1892 and named for the daughter of Senator Arthur Pue Gorman. By 1904, Daisy had a population of twenty-eight. As a farming community, Daisy thrived during the mid-twentieth century, when it included a general store, a Good Templars Hall, a schoolhouse for white children (later converted to a truck repair garage) and the Daisy Methodist Church and School. The estate Oakdale, home of Governor Edwin Warfield, is located nearby. The Daisy community declined during the 1970s as profits from agriculture fell and families moved to larger towns (HCHS Vertical Files).

The Daisy United Methodist Church was established in 1876 as an African-American church. During the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, the church was the center of African-American community life. Segregation laws and lack of transportation limited African-American participation in county-wide and state-wide organizations. Therefore, the church became the location of religious, social and political gatherings. In areas where public funding for African-American education was limited, churches also doubled as schools. The Warfield Academy, established in 1846 on the site of the Mount Gregory United Methodist Church, was the first African-American school in Howard County. African-American schools used desks, books and equipment discarded by white schools and provided education through grade seven. Students desiring further education travelled to high schools in Baltimore or Prince Georges Counties. Most of the African-American church schools closed during school district consolidations in the 1940s and 1950s (Cornelison 1986, 39-44).

The first churches constructed for African-American congregations began appearing in the late 1860s. Prior to construction of a church, religious meetings were held in someone's home. Many African-American churches were constructed on land that was donated or sold for a minimal fee. In Howard County, Hopkins Methodist Church in Highland, Providence Methodist

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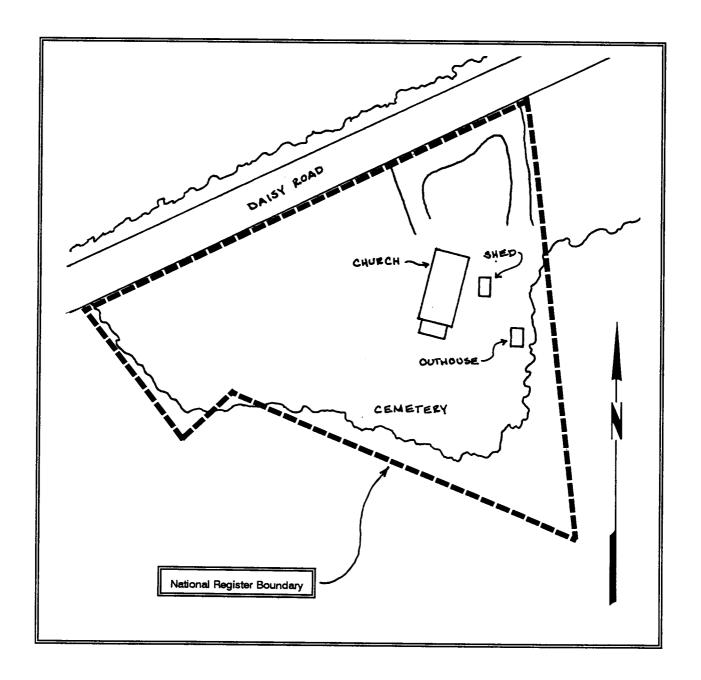
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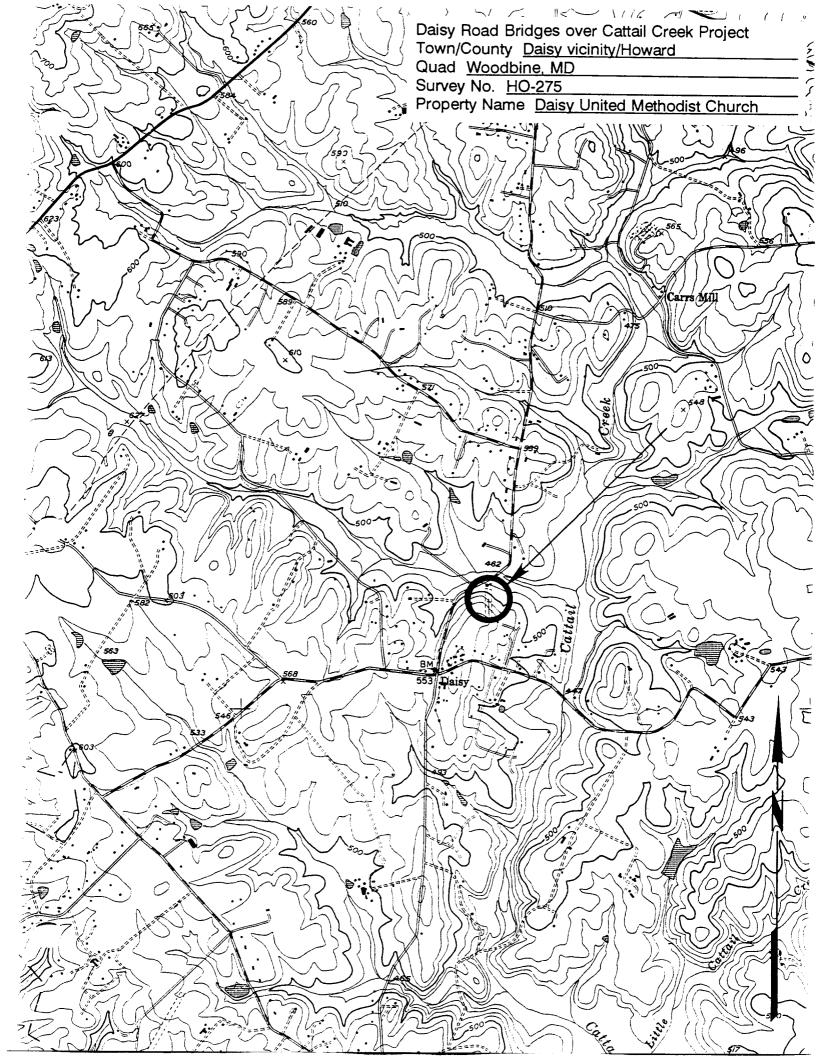
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## Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:







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- 2. DAISH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 3. HOWARD COUNTY, MD
- 4. JULIE DARSIE
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The Daisy U. M. Church
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It is a three bay wide, three bay deep, one story high, gabled roof (running north-south) frame (covered with Asbestos shingles) building, resting on a full stone foundation, which is constructed into the slope of a hill and features a gabled roof (running north-south) open belfry on the apex of its gable roof at the north facade and a square, brick, central chimney on its east wall.

The history of this congregation stems from 1876 when Dennis and Leama Gaither conveyed 2.25 acres of land to the trustees for the purpose of erecting a public school house "for colored children" and a "house of public worship for the use of the colored members of the M. E. Church of the neighborhood...".

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The fenestration for the first floor of the Church, which holds the nave, is gothic arched and double-hung, holding two-over-two lights, underlined by projecting wooden sills. The building features three east and west windows of this description with a seventh one located on the north wall of a hipped roof apse, centered on the north wall of the Church and structured like an oriele window, beneath which rests the central, rectangular, three paneled entrance door, set into the stone foundation and flanked by rectangular, double hung windows, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills. A square cornerstone on the west side of this wall is inscribed, "Daisy M.E. Church, Sept. 1906."

The east and west foundation walls hold two rectangular basement windows, similar to those on the north elevation and a two light basement window in the south end bay of both walls.

An addition has been constructed along the south elevation of the Church, which is a one story high, one bay wide, two bay deep, gabled roof (running north-south) frame (covered with asbestus shingles) south wing with central rectangular south entrance and two one light, horizontal rectangular, east and west windows.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daisy U. M. Church is one of the notable black churches in Howard County, Maryland, with its roots going back to a black school and house of public worship, formed in 1876 by a grant of land from Dennis and Leama Gaither to the Trustees of the Daisy U. M. Church. In addition it is a fine example of a late nineteenth and early twentieth century, Gothic Revival, frame church. The history of the congregation is important for two reasons: it reflects a common practise in the educational history of the United States and exemplifies the awakened social consciousness of white Americans exhibited in a concern for the education and religious needs of the black community.

### History and Support

- 1. Historically, this congregation began with a bequest from Dennis P. and Leama Gaither to the trustees of the Methodist Protestant Church (see attached title search for a list of their names). A deed for 2.25 acres, part of a tract of land called, "Ridgely's Range" or "Ridgely's Great Park", was given to the trustees "for the purpose of erecting thereon a Public School house to be used as a school house for colored children and also a house of publis worship for the use of the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the neighborhood. . .". Permission was granted the trustees to convey the property to the Board of County School Commissioners to erect such a school house by the public fund, should its Trustees so decide. Please see item 7 for architectural worth.
- 2. The common practise of "separate but unequal" educational facilities for our black population in the United States is reflected in the following words of the above deed, " for the purpose of erecting thereon a public school house to be used as a school house for colored children. ." This practise was finally overturned by the United States Supreme Court in the 1950's.
- 3. A social revolution occured in the mid-nineteenth century, which apparently sprang from the Christian Church and most particularly in Howard County, Maryland, from the Methodist Episcopal Church. A concern for the education of the black man and his family, as well as an acknowledgement of his spiritual needs as God's child, began to emerge from a

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more enlightened social consciousness on the part of the white slave owners, springing from the Christian viewpoint of each man created in the image of God. This movement in the Methodist Church led to the formation of some six black churches and schools in the area, Gaines: in Elkridge, Asbury in Annapolis Junction, Brown's Chapel in Glenelg area, Daisy in Woodbine, an Ellicott City congregation and Mt. Gregory in Cooksville. Another black church is also noted on the Hopkins Atlas of 1878 in the Poplar Springs area of the county.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Record of Howard County, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
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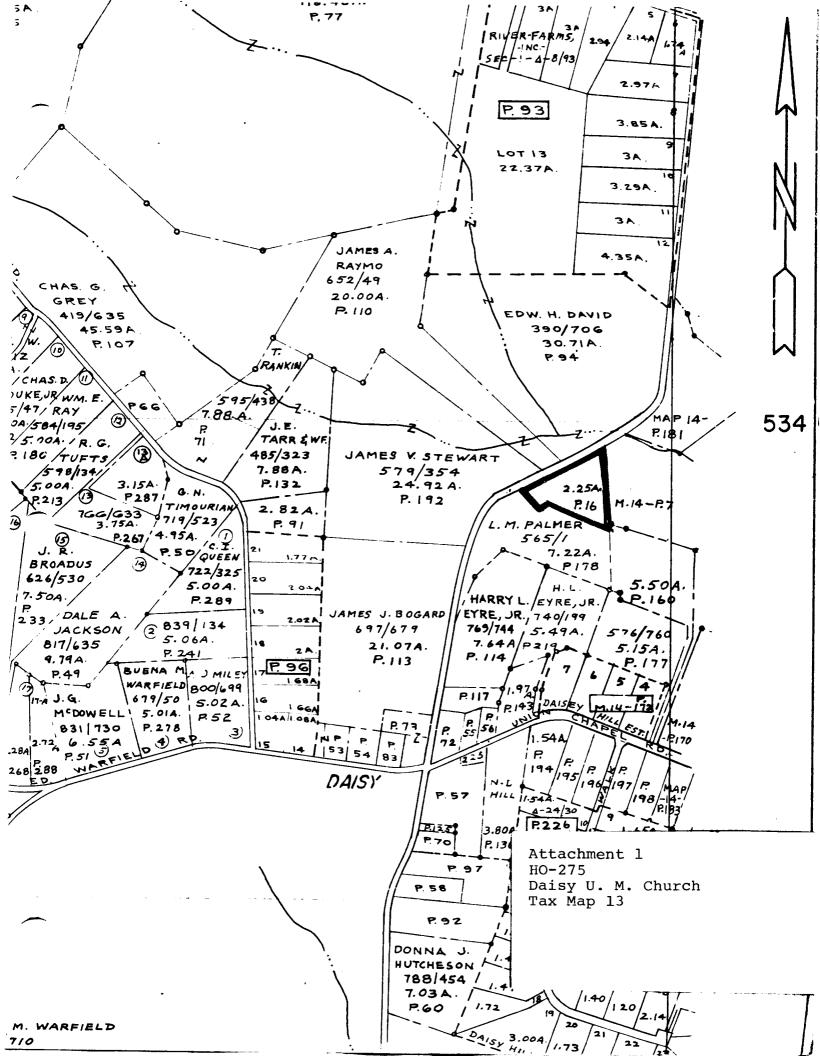
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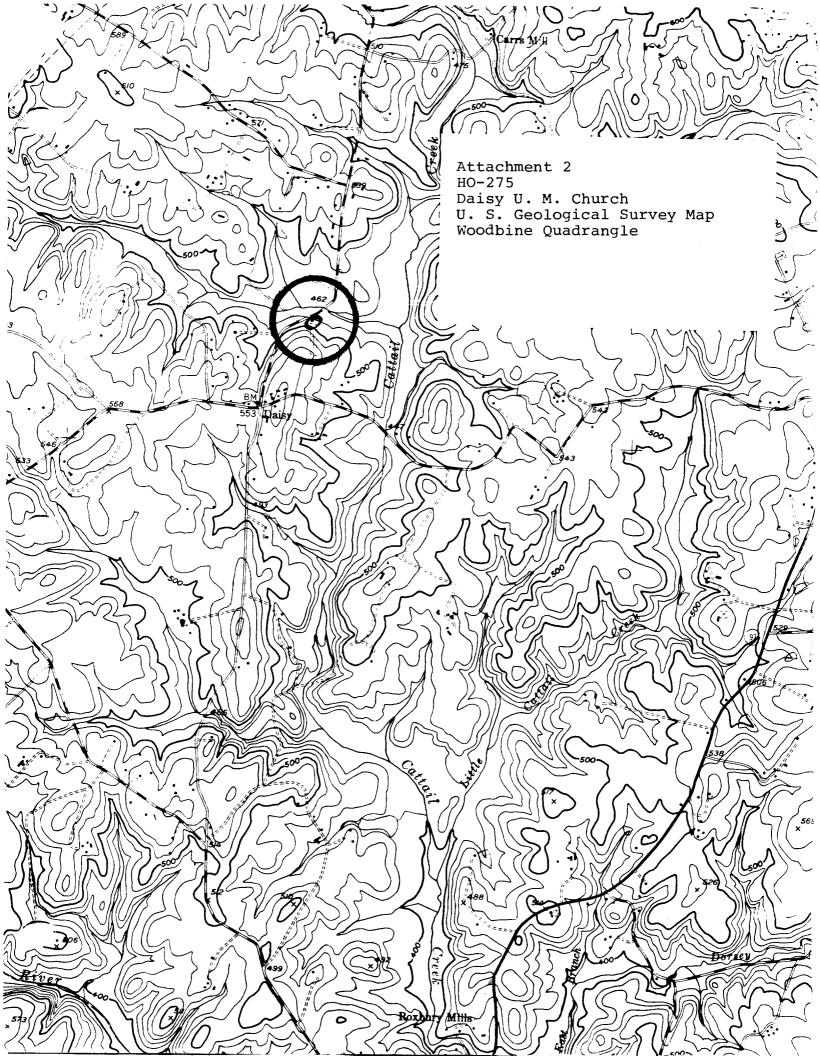
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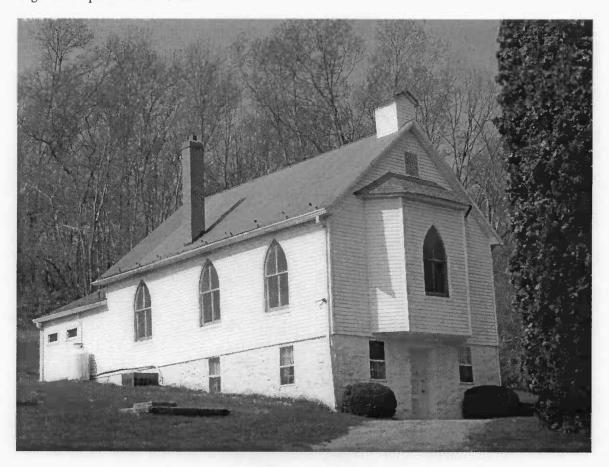
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1-3-1876	LJW36-208	Dennis P. Gaither Leama Gaither	Samuel Harrody, John Prettyman, Hanson Dorsey, Franklin Tyler, James W. Parker, Trustees	2.25 Acres for \$29.81  Same as above with permission to convey same to Board of County School Commissioners and held by them as other school house lots, with usual aid for erection of such school house by public school fund

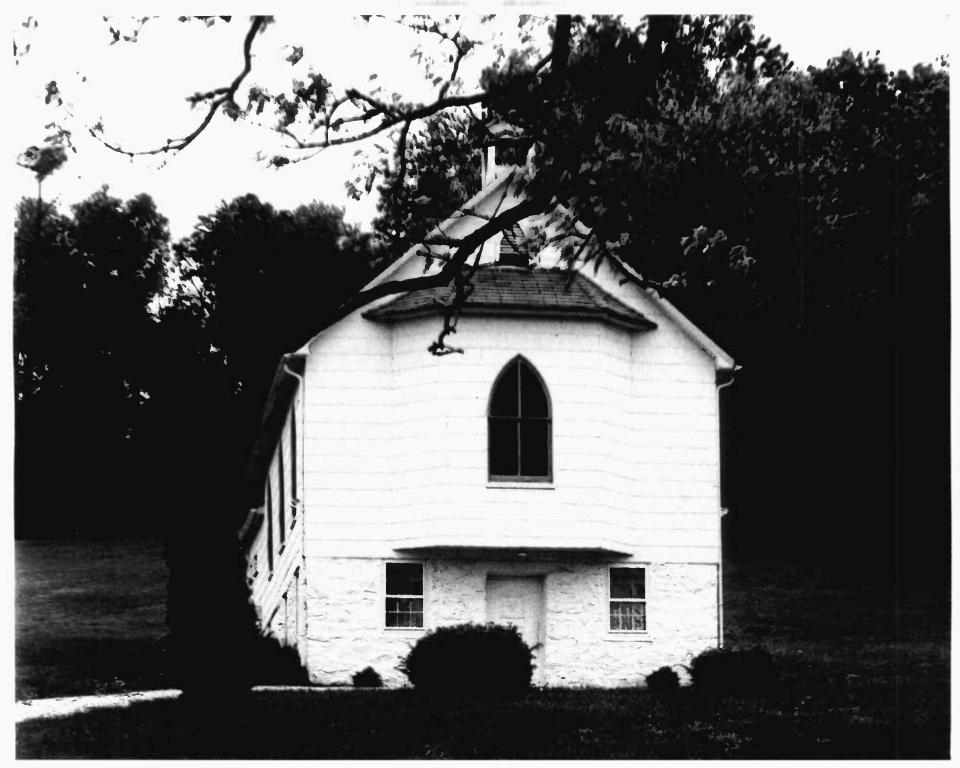






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Daisy U. M. Church

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